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2. At about noon on 29 December, track-laying amphibious vehicles were seen in Finowfurth. The vehicles, which came from the direction of Finow west of Eberswalde, were occupied by approximately 8 soldiers each. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. The vehicles were described as follows: approximately 7 meters long (somewhat longer than three-axle amphibious vehicles), approximately 3 meters wide and approximately 1.8 meters high; corrugated pontoon with drivers' seat unusually close to the front and equipped with a wind shield. The rear had 2 three-bladed screws in a rounded depression and 2 iron hatch ladders. The chassis had 7 bogie wheels, at least 5 track-supporting rollers not resembling those of a JS tank; 1 drive wheel and 1 idler wheel. The tracks were approximately 32 cm wide.
3. On 10 December, a three-axle amphibious vehicle was seen in Kupferhammer near Eberswalde. The vehicle proceeded toward Camp Duesterwinkelbruecke (4343) in Eberswalde.
4. At 1000 on 30 December, 4 track-laying amphibious vehicles and approximately 10 three-axle amphibious vehicles were seen in Finow. The vehicles which came from the direction of Eberswalde and proceeded toward Finowfurth were occupied by 8 soldiers each. The soldiers wore red-bordered (?) black epaulets.
5. In the morning of 20 December, 1 track-laying amphibious vehicle and 1 three-axle amphibious vehicle came from the direction of the perimeter of the town and proceeded toward Schuetzen Kaserne (4342) in Eberswalde.
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7. Between 11 and 16 January, the barracks installation on Schunke Lake (3441) near Spereberg was occupied by approximately 2,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black, black and blue-bordered black epaulets. The number of motor vehicles stored there apparently increased. Amphibious vehicles were observed.

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Height: approximately 2.5 meters;

Speed: lower than that of the wheeled amphibious vehicle;

Chassis: 7 bogie wheels, 1 drive and 1 idler wheel, all approximately 400 mm in diameter and covered by rubber.

Armament: undetermined

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1. Comments. Except for the width of the tracks, the description of the track-laying amphibious vehicle roughly checks with available information. The estimated width of the tracks of 32 cm appears more probable than previous information, according to which the tracks were 70 cm wide. The two types of amphibious vehicles presumably belong to the 3d Engr Regt of the Fourth Gdr Mass stationed in Camp Dueterwinkelbruecke in Eberswalde. The fact that the crews of the track-laying amphibious vehicles allegedly wore red-bordered black epaulets is worth noting.
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